



THE STRIKER STATEMENT

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Editor

*****SPECIAL NOTE*****

This message will affect you. If you are a family member or soldier who has not registered in the IACS system you may soon become unable to access other military bases like Ramstein and Vogelweigh. After the 5th of September the extra personnel assigned to register Baumholder residents will go away and it will take significantly longer to inprocess in the system. You may currently register with ease in building 8743, DSN 485-6001 located vicinity Champion Village.

If there is anyone who would like to receive this by email simply drop me a line and I will add you to the distribution list. ted.m.preister@us.army.mil

CPT Ted M. Preister
BCT Rear-D Commander

REGULARS

1/6 News Notes



From left, front row: Chaplain (CPT) Damon Onellion, SSG Travis Privott, PFC Maurice Jones, 1LT John Traeger, SPC Omar Stanton, SFC Abid Shah. Second row: SPC Michael Daglio, SPC Chris Emmons, SPC Roy Mullis, PFC Stuart Colon, SGT Benjamin Anyaegbunam, SPC Daniel Nickell

As the end of August approaches temperatures are starting to break a little here in Baghdad. Daytime temperatures are still well above 100

degrees, but at night it is starting to feel almost pleasant (at least between the hours of 12:00 & 7:00 AM, or so). There has been a lot of work going on at FOB Regular as we try to upgrade our protective posture. This work has given many of the soldiers an opportunity to develop a new skill. Many, many days of temperatures above 120 and no rain caused much of the vegetation to be very dry. When many trees and bushes were cut down so that the walls could be improved they dried out even more. As the welders went to work installing the razor wire on the walls, several fires were started and the soldiers formed a fire brigade. No real damage was done to any of the buildings (though the tracked vehicles used to help fight the tires did damage to water and power and some soldiers had to do without AC and showers for a couple of days), and no one was hurt any worse than a few cases of heat cramps. However, it did offer a chance for very real training in some previously undeveloped skill sets.



SSG Jason Guillory, 3rd PLT, A Co 1-6 IN and Alpha Company interpreter Aws Abdullah at the University of Baghdad.

Alpha Company has started to see some serious changes in their mission. Things are quieting down in their sector. As such, less of their time is being spent chasing "bad guys" and more of their time is being spent on training and equipping the new Iraqi law enforcement agencies to provide security to their people. In addition to these changes, Attack Company is rejoining the rest of the battalion as they move back to FOB Regular. This change will mean that they have to travel a little more to do their



patrols, but it will improve their access to support from the battalion.

Bravo and Charlie Companies were right in the middle of an incident with international significance this week. On Tuesday, August 19th, a suicide bomber destroyed the United Nations Headquarters in Iraq. Bravo Company had soldiers guarding a site about one mile from the blast who were some of the first to respond. When SSG Michael Moto and his squad arrived to find chaos. His men went to work providing security, directing traffic and controlling the crowd so that the emergency workers could provide aid to those in need. As the survivors were evacuated to two local hotels security again became an issue. Charlie was called in to provide this security and responded in record time.

Thus another week goes by and we are that much closer to mission complete. Whether it is guarding UN Observers, teaching the Iraqis to care for themselves, or insuring that soldiers get paid correctly and on time, the soldiers of 1-6 are up to the challenge. Our minds are on our duty, but our hearts...our hearts are with you our families and loved ones at home. Until we are reunited, we will focus on the mission at hand; for we are **"Regulars...By God."**



Stephanie Jones works on her frame with son Lincoln as Thayer watches



**"Can someone give me directions to Baghdad?"
Thayer Jones**



Connie Schroeder watches as the children show their Creativity

PIONEERS

A week in the life of the Cobra Med Team:

Greetings from lovely Baghdad International Airport (BIAP), Iraq – the Cobra Lair. It has been an eventful week for the Cobra Med Team, which brought forth welcomes, goodbyes, blood, sweat and tears. This week the Cobra Med Team welcomed two new additions to the unit: Company Commander, CPT Lim (a.k.a. "Cobra Commander") and COL Burris (912th FST Surgeon). This week also gave farewell to CPT Weekly a.k.a. "King Cobra." Besides bearing the intolerable heat throughout this week, the Cobra Med Team remained busy as ever...no change. It is not an easy task to save lives, but rest assure that the Cobra Med Team is still going strong, dedicated and focused. Quality of life is improving, slowly and surely. BIAP has established a dining facility, which serves a variety of wholesome food to our soldiers to include ice cream, so no more T-rations or MREs. The Internet café is a big hit with the soldiers to ensure they get an opportunity to write home and is expanding around mid September with additional computers and phones to reach out to loved ones out there. The unit has received shower stalls for the soldiers' use, so no more 5-gallon water cans or camp showers. Recently, we had one of our soldiers recognized by the Division Commander with a coin of excellence...PFC Baxter. Congratulations, way to represent the team! Lastly, on behalf of the soldiers from C Company and myself, I would like to personally thank the remarkable friends and families of the Cobra Med Team for all the sacrifice they have made and the support they have given to the Cobra soldiers. And please keep the care packages and letters coming. Be advised the next VTC is tentative





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dated 15 September 2003 for selected Cobras.
Hope to see you there. Cobras!
CPT Joselito Lim **Cobra 6**

GATORS

Comfort Items

2-6 IN has established their new dining facility called the Gator Bite Inn next door to the companies. The new two floor facility has added fans in the dining area, and refrigerators for drinks and fresh fruit. The food that is being supplied is improving and the Army has brought in a food contractor called 'Brown and Root'. They are setting up a dining facility that will eventually be opened 24 hours a day and serve four meals a day. Until that time our soldiers will be able to enjoy the comforts of our new dining facility.



PFC Sendelbach, C Co, stands on a walkway at the Carrefour Mall in Doha, Qatar during his R & R trip

A second addition for 2-6 Infantry is the volleyball court located at the maintenance center. Improvements are happening all over, electricians are making their way through the barracks installing lights and outlets for the soldiers. Other Iraqi contractors have been hired and are wiring the buildings for large A/C units. Although we just recently received portable showers and port-a-john's, plumber's are going through to restore the old sewage and water lines to make the bathrooms useable in the near future.

The last item 2-6 IN is having installed is a market next to the companies. The market will sell basic items such as sodas, juices, bread, extension cords, surge protectors, and a few other items. It should be ready for opening by Saturday. The Gators are working very hard to accommodate the soldiers

wants and needs, they've been doing a good job so far and the future plans have the soldiers remaining number #1 on the priority list.



An outside look at the Carrefour Mall in Doha, Qatar



Some scenery from the Qatar R & R trip taken by Charlie Company. Picture by PFC Sendelbach

Hello and Good-Bye to Army Engineer's

Hello and welcome to 2LT Baideme from the 40th Engineer Battalion and a platoon of soldiers who will take over as the engineers for TF 2-6 IN.

In addition to the multiple projects already started by contractors 2-6 IN will now be able to use Army Engineers to help improve the living conditions and protection of all Gator soldiers. Two engineer platoons are working with 2-6 IN to help improve the living areas and to increase the level of protection for 2-6 IN.

40th Engineer's of Baumholder have sent a platoon to TF 2-6 IN. They will be attached to the gators for approximately 4 months; during which time they will focus first on improving our living conditions and our security measures. They have brought with them two small bulldozers that can accomplish odds





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and ends projects that have been holding the Gator Battalion up from making small but important improvements.

After they have finished helping the soldier's of TF 2-6 IN they will continue to help the Gators improve the sector we operate in. There are many projects that the Iraqi people have asked us to help them fund and complete. Although many projects are contracted out to Iraqi's, we now have the option of using the engineers to fulfill the need for minor projects.

We are very glad to have the engineers as they do more efficient and better quality work than the Iraqi contractors. As the Gators continue to take steps in the right direction to build a stable country, these engineers will be a great help in achieving that goal.

Good-bye to 1LT Myrick also from 40th Engineer Battalion. Since June, Lt Myrick has been attached to 2-6 IN as the Task Force Engineer responsible for coordinating the pick up of UXO's in sector, finding Iraqi contractors to help improve the soldiers living conditions, and to improve the protective measures around the soldiers of 2-6 IN.

In addition to these jobs, Myrick undertook the job of mapping out the electricity, water and sewage lines of this base camp. Although he will leave without seeing how much his contributions made to this camp, when the multi-million dollar project to fix these systems begins the work he has done will prove to save weeks of time and effort.

Just to give the readers an understanding of how much work goes into each system. Iraqi contractors have been working on the electrical system on the base for over a month now, finding the existing wires, cables, power transformers, junction boxes, and switch boards. Not only did they have to find all of them, but they had to test them to see if they were still in working condition, which 90% will require repair work in order to make them operational.

LT Myrick is on to Brigade to work as the special projects engineer officer for his remaining time in Iraq before he leaves to be stationed with his wife and two boys, who have already left Baumholder to be stationed at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri for the Captain's Career Course.

2nd Lieutenant Brendon Saguil, Bravo Company's Executive Officer was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on Monday the Fourth of August. It is a rare occurrence in the Army for a 2nd LT to hold the Executive Officer position at the company level, but Saguil demonstrated he was more than capable to handle the job. He has been the Executive Officer for two months and will continue to support Bravo Company with the logistical support they need.



1LT Lauer, Scout Platoon Leader and former Bravo Platoon Leader congratulates his friend 1LT Brendon Saguil on his promotion to 1LT

Husband and Wife Reenlist together

SSG Mangold and SGT Steele met and were married three years ago at Fort Hood, Texas. They came to Baumholder together and are now both deployed to Iraq. SSG Mangold currently works as the night shift NCOIC (non commissioned officer in charge) for the Battalion. SGT Steele works for 47th FSB (forward support battalion) as the NCOIC for the aid station.



SSG Mangold, 2-6 IN Chemical NCO and his wife SGT Jill Steele take the reenlistment oath at BIAP



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Although miles still separate the pair they still manage to talk on the phones almost daily. Additionally, they have been able to see each other about once every week or two when they are not on their shift. Although the visits will be cut down the next month or so because SGT Steele will be attached to 1-35 AR as a line medic, they are hopeful their schedules will still allow them to talk to each other on a regular basis.

They both reenlisted for the same next duty station, Ft Leonardwood, Missouri. SSG Mangold will most likely become an NCO at the Chemical School and his wife will work in the post hospital. They have some time to wait before they go to their next duty station, by next June they expect to be in Missouri



SSG Mangold is congratulated by MAJ Hensley, a former Gator, who reenlisted the pair on Aug 8th.

SSG Mangold was very pleased with how well the Army worked with them so they could reenlist together and see each other for more than just a few minutes. "Although I wanted to have the ceremony at the zoo because she loves animals, that wasn't possible since the Army has turned it back over to the Iraqi people. However we were still able to have a good friend of ours MAJ Hensley, reenlist us together out at BIAP

Also reenlisted this week was SGT Macon Salisbury, C Co Headquarters Platoon. SGT Salisbury, his wife Melanie and two children Elijah and Amayah will move to Ft. Hood, Texas sometime in the October/November time frame. SGT Salisbury

originally from Charlottesville, VA reenlisted for two years for the needs of the Army. He looks very highly upon his experiences with the Gator Battalion. "I learned a lot from the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers from this battalion. During this deployment and the previous one in Kosovo, I matured a great deal, improved myself by learning more about my job and about the Army. I am a better leader because of it and have more confidence in my capabilities."



Salisbury puts on a smile after his reenlistment

Weekly Photo Gallery



SGT Jennings and SGT Duplechin, B maintenance, play volleyball at their new court





Chief Coufal serves the first ball of the game



PFC Brown, B Co, ready and equipped with his 240 machine gun.

THUNDER

SVC Battery Change of Command

Service Battery has been the Life Line of the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery. We are comprised of three platoons, much like the three main arteries leading to the heart, when one fails, the body gets no more blood and the element ceases to exist. Maintenance is led by CW2 Crawshaw and SSG Stromme. They have ensured that all our vehicles are up and running at mission ready standards. The soldiers that make up maintenance make sure that all of our vehicles are ready for the next days fight, whether it be taking an officer to a meeting or for a track to roll out to a static check point. The Generator Shop keeps us powered wherever we go.

They ensure that all the battalion's generators are working at full throttle, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.



Ammo platoon has been called upon to secure static sites and conduct checkpoints throughout Baghdad. 1LT Feusi and SFC Walker lead this platoon. They have been called upon to do something outside their realm of expertise, but the Ammunition Platoon handles it like true soldiers. Last but not least we have the Support Platoon, which is led by 1LT Bush and SFC McMahan. They are comprised of 6 elements: POL, NBC, COMMO, DFAC, S-4 AND SUPPLY. POL provides everything liquid that makes any and all vehicles within the Battalion run, without them we would be dead in the water.

Next we have NBC and Thank God that there expertise is not needed out here. COMMO keeps us communicating by maintaining good FM communication. Then you have S-4 and Supply, two entities that work at two levels but are bound to make the standards of living in Baghdad the best that they can for the soldiers of 4-27 FA. The get us all we need to live on a day-to-day basis. Finally, what can I say about DFAC, they feed us. They fight to get us our fair share of the best that there is and they always have a smile when you come down the chow line.

We, the Service Battery of the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, on top of doing our mandated jobs are required to provide troops for Force Protection, Check Points and other important tasks. We have just been given a static Check Point and we will do it just like we do everything else, to the best that it can be done. The soldiers would like to welcome our





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new Battery Commander and First Sergeant, CPT Morgan and 1SG Jones, to the battery. We would also like to tell the families and loved ones back home that we miss them and that the Stallions are doing their part to contribute to our current mission. STALLIONS ON THE MOVE, 24/7!!!

By: PFC DeLeon

THE DOCTOR'S CORNER

1LT Richard Acevedo



CPT Bruce Gleason M.D. takes an opportunity to care for Iraqi citizens

The Battalion's DOC and Medics sends their greetings to all family members of the Thunder Battalion. You may be wondering about the health of your spouse or loved ones, and you definitely have a right to know, so I will express some issues and you all will be able to assist in keeping your spouses healthy and supporting them by means of preventive medicine.

First, Baghdad is currently in its HOTTEST months and the biggest medical illnesses that occur are dehydration and heat cramps. Although your spouses and loved ones drink plenty of water, our routine daily activities and missions can push the body to its limits. In addition, there have been several cases of Acute Gastroenteritis, better known as traveler's diarrhea. These illnesses are preventable with proper re-hydration, ensuring that the body's electrolytes are replaced, and most important routine hand washing is performed. So, when you are thinking about sending a care package to your loved one, include items that can prevent

these environmental injuries, such as Gatorade (an excellent means of replacing the bodies electrolytes) and liquid hand sanitizer. Also, when writing ask if they are drinking enough water. Although my medics and I mention this on a daily basis, hearing it from their loved one would make it more meaningful.

I end this note with introducing our newest member of the Thunder Aid Station. The Thunder Battalion now has Dr. Bruce Gleason, CPT, MD within its ranks. Dr. Gleason will be with us until we re-deploy to Germany and will then return to his regular duties as a primary care provider at the Katterbach Health Clinic, Ansbach, Germany.

CHAPLAIN CORNER

Only God knows what events really signify. He holds us responsible, however, for understanding somewhat the "signs of the times" and also personal lessons to us. This week, for example, God's design for the planets brought Mars closer to our home turf than ever before, but none of us knows what that really means. Also this week, federal authorities marched into the Alabama Supreme Court and physically removed a large block of polished granite. Upon that artful block stood chiseled words of The Ten Commandments, the moral purity of which offended some criminals and other citizens. Also this week in Washington, D.C., no one did anything to the words of the Ten Commandments, as they stand chiseled into the rosy granite walls inside the hallowed public chamber of the U.S. Supreme Court. Alabama lies nearer us than Mars, but many of us more easily ponder the geological spectrophotometry of Mars than the spiritual significance of a major constitutional crisis. Something else happened this week: military authorities considered charges that American soldiers had abused Iraqi POWs. Now Mars, the planet named for war, has converged with the rule-of-law in real-life people who wear the same uniform we do. We know what that signifies: each of us must accept responsibility for the Golden Rule, "treat others as you want them to treat you." Apparently in the twenty-first century, regardless of how ancient kings or even 20th C war-powers conducted hostilities, we are judged by a law of war with divine -or at least humane- foundations. "So then each of us must give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12)





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All this reminds me of the men of Issachar, those long-ago "men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do" (1 Chronicles 12:32). I personally plan to do nothing about the planet Mars, except to marvel over its presently bright reflection. About the extremely upsetting and morally significant constitutional test, I plan to pray to the Sovereign Judge, and ask Him to have mercy on our people and grant a season of clear thinking and courageous resolve. Concerning the conduct of American soldiers who face a disconcerting mix of friendly and hostile peoples, I plan to intercede in prayer, moreover to exercise self-control personally as an example.

Back among the parched hilltops of Baumholder, plans move ahead for care packages. Dubbed "Hometown Care Downrange", a chaplain-sponsored project would have volunteers gather October 4 to assemble gift-boxes of religious support material, practical treats, and supplies that soldiers in Iraq can appreciate. Soldiers, please give us your suggestions now for things to include.

STRIKING SCRIPTURE

We turn again to the story of Nehemiah, the "governor who drove us up the wall" (somebody's jaunty phrase). The Bible tells us what happened in primarily two separate accounts, a 13-chapter story called *Nehemiah* and a short 10-chapter one called *Ezra*. We gain a somewhat different set of details in each, because their purposes differ, but they refer to the same history. This week, I draw your attention to what Governor Nehemiah and Chaplain Ezra did after they had overcome their hostile foes, established a just government within the resident community, and completed the wall-building project. In *Nehemiah* chapter 8, we read that all the people gathered in the public square and asked Ezra to bring forward the Book of the Law. This refers to the five books of Moses (what we call Genesis through Deuteronomy), which represent a covenantal constitution and directory for worship. So Ezra stepped up to a high platform, and held the holy scrolls in his hand. The Bible says that when he unrolled it to read, "*all the people stood up. And Ezra praised the LORD, the great God. Then all the people answered, 'Amen, amen!' while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD ...*". That was only the prelude to something of lasting importance: this was to be not a

mere moment of worship, but a full-scale Bible conference lasting eight days. With Ezra on the platform were thirteen noted teachers and unnumbered Levites, whom we presume took turns in teaching. The Bible says these men "*read distinctly from the Book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.*" Their purpose was to engender understanding, not merely assent or conformity per se. We best glorify God by worship that arises from both heart and mind, and which leads to right attitude and action. Recall this: the people who received the teaching described here had been defeated and dispirited; from places of exile they had returned to Jerusalem. All the more wonderful therefore is this event. We read that "*the people wept when they heard the words of the Lord.*" Why? We cry when we feel confused, when we feel relieved, when we feel ashamed for our misdeeds, or when we suddenly understand the great goodness of God when we expected only gloomy condemnation. All those circumstances probably applied then. But Nehemiah and Ezra wanted to show a more excellent response. So they took matters a step further, and urged the people not to just weep in repentance and mixed emotion, but to turn the event into a celebration of God's goodness. "Do not mourn," they said, "but rejoice because this day is holy to the Lord. *The joy of the Lord is your strength.*" That means a breakthrough! Then began the feasting and gladness, "*because the people understood the words that were declared to them.*"

Wouldn't you love to see that kind of celebration in Baghdad? Imagine a defeated, dispirited people who suddenly and completely realize that they have been set free to worship God according to their informed consciences. Do you suppose that ancient scene we've remembered can be re-enacted anywhere? Why not? Let your spiritual ambition rise on wings of hope because of what God has revealed in *Nehemiah* chapter 8.

Community Announcements

40th EN next FRG Meetings are

A CO 1800 Tuesday 9 Sep @ Bn

B CO/HHC 1600 Sat. 13 Sep BBQ at the Rheinlander

C CO 1830 Tuesday 9 Sep at Bn



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47th FSB Next FRG Meeting. 22 Sep 03, at 1800 hr at the Wagon Wheel theater, 27 Sep 03, at 1300-1430 we will be making card for the kids to send to their parents downrange.

ASACS

The High School has just started a new program called Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service (ASACS). The program has 4 main elements.

- Life-Skill building groups for at-risk adolescents
- Workshops and in-service training for other professionals
- Printed materials on the prevention of adolescent alcohol and other drug abuse
- Classroom presentations

For more information call Mr. Kerry Wilenski at 485-8772 or email at kerry.d.wilensky@saic.com

Commissary Hours

Construction has been postponed while they decide what additional improvements will be made. The hours starting 1 September will be 1000-1900 except Thursdays 1000-2000.

Oil Change

Baumholder Auto Skills Center is now offering oil change services after hours! On Tues-Fri after 5 pm and on the weekends from 10 am – 5 pm, you can get your oil changed! Standard oil change is \$19.95, synthetic is \$39.95 and both include oil and filters! To make your appointment call DSN 485-6344.

New Curfew Enforcement

It is not a new policy, enforcement has just been stepped up lately. In accordance with the BSB policy letter #7-16 and HQ USAREUR Memo of 7 Aug 2002 The Baumholder Curfew policy is as follow:

Children 13 or younger will be in someone's quarters between 2100 and 0600. They may be outside in the company of a family member or guardian over 18 years of age.

Children 14-17 will be inside between 2300 and 0530 unless with the same 18 year old supervision. Exceptions exist.

For further information consult the policy letter or call ACS Family Advocacy at 485-8188 or 6468

Personal Trainer

Want to make sure your workout is the best way to get results? Consult the Baumholder Personal Trainer! She will walk you thru the correct way to do the moves and what will work best for the results you wish to achieve! For more information call 06783-186426.

NEW AEROBICS CLASSES

Baumholder Sports and Fitness will be offering NEW aerobic classes on Smith, Neubruecke and Wetzel Kasernes. Classes are 12 for \$25 and all fees must be paid to the instructor. The class schedule is as follows:

Straussburg Gym MWF 0900
Mountaineer Gym TWTH 1145
Hall of Champions MWF 1645
Neubruecke Gym TTH 1800 SAT 0900

Water Aerobics

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 1800 – 1900
Location: Rec Emporium

Youth Services Trips

30 Aug – Holiday Park in Hassloch Cost: \$30 plus spending money
05 Sep – Dining-Out Korean in Kaiserslautern Cost: Order off the menu
12 Sep – Back to School Dance at the Underground Cost: \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members
20 Sep – High School Dance at the Teen Cafe Cost: \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members
Signed permission slips and fees due 1 week before event. Events without minimum sign-up will be canceled.
Steve Ferguson at DSN 485-8249

CYS

Saturday, 20 Sep 03, 1800 – 2200
Smith CDC (Infants – Kindergarten).....\$10/child
Smith SAS (1st – 6th grade).....\$6/child
Payment due when reserving a spot
Must be registered with CYS
Reserve by 11 Sep 03 (spaces limited)
Smith CDC 485-6461 Smith SAS 485-6641
Carlotta James at DSN 485-6852





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Youth Services Events

12 Sep 03 – Back to School Dance at the Underground

Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

20 Sep 03 – High School Dance at the Teen Cafe

Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Check our Web site:

www.baumholder.army.mil/youthsite/html/ys.htm

Youth Winter Sports

Basketball – \$30 for first child, \$27 for second

Cheerleading – \$20 for first child, \$18 for second

Registration ends 5 Dec 03

Minimum 5 years old

Winter sports season: Practice starts in December

Games begin in January

Labor Day “Beat the Pro” Tournament

Rolling Hills Golf Course “Beat the Pro” Tournament will be held on Aug. 30! Come out and try to beat the Pro’s score. It will be a stroke format, all players will receive 100% handicap. Entry fee is \$25, non-members pay green fees. Sign up by Aug 18. Tee time is 9 am on Aug 30. For more information, please call DSN 485-7299.

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE PRACTICES

Dates: Tue & Thu

Time: 1800 – 2000

Location: Soldier Field

Outdoor Rec Tours

Six Flags Belgium Aug 23

Whitewater Kayaking Aug 24

Austrian Adventure Aug 28–Sept 1

Introduction to Paragliding Aug 30-31, 06 – 07 Sep

Paris City Express 06 Sep

Legoland Germany 07 Sep

Sea Kayaking – Bosenlake 09 Sep

Six Flags – Belgium 13 Sep

Bad Duerkheim Weinfest 13 & 20 Sep

Six Flags – Holland 20 Sep

White Water Kayaking 27 Sep

Oktoberfest Munich 04 Oct

Werner Graf at DSN 485-7182

Rheinlander Events

Monday Night Movie Night

Tuesday night kids’ night with

– kids’ movies in the restaurant

Wednesday Night Buffet

Saturday Night Schnitzel Night

Sunday Brunch with family and friends on Sept 7

Saturday Market on Sept 20

Free Concert, HOT MOLINA (a Latin Band) 2 October 1900

Amy Gee at DSN 485-7507

August events

29 USAREUR Training Holiday Briefing for new high school students, 1:00pm at Baumholder High School.

September events

1 Labor Day

2 School Begins

Kiss and Ride Begins

7 Effective this day, old installation passes

AE 190-13a & AE 190-13c will no longer be accepted.

Sunday Brunch, 10am-1:30pm

24 LINKS

27 Care Fair, Hall of Champions, 10am-4pm

30 Town Hall Meeting

Care Fair

Date: Saturday, 27 Sep 03

Time: 1000 – 1600

Location: Hall of Champions

Community Level Basketball

The Baumholder Sports Office is looking for a few good men and women! If you are 18 years of age or older, no longer in high school, and would like to be a proud member of the Baumholder Bears or Lady Bears basketball teams, call DSN 485-7176 for more information.

Host Nation Sponsored Events

29-31 Aug 03 Schlefferfest at Idar

30 Aug 03 Rock concert at the Tennishall Baumholder

31 Aug 03 Open Crosstriathlon at Altenglan





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1 Sep 03 Market at Kirn
5-7 Sep 03 Saarland Days at St. Wendel
5-9 Sep 03 Kusel Fall Fair
5-9 Sep 03 Praemienmarkt at Birkenfeld
6 Sep 03 Fleamarket at Homburg/Saar
12-16 Sep 03 Bad Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt
14 Sep 03 Farmers & Art Market at Berglangenbach
19-22 Sep 03 Bad Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt
20-22 Sep 03 Baumholder City Fair Market on
Monday (22)
26-28 Sep 03 City Fest at Oberstein
4 Oct 03 Flea market at Homburg/Saar
6 Oct 03 Market at Kirn
11-12 Oct 03 Environmental exhibition at Kusel
11 Oct 03 Team Duathlon at Kusel
12 Oct 03 Crafts & Farmers market at Kirn
12 Oct 03 Birkenfeld City Fest
18-19 Oct 03 Hobby artist exhibition, Brühlhalle
Baumholder
25 Oct 03 Flea market at Metz, France
Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600

Post Wide Yard Sale

The 222d BSB Semi-Annual Post-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 13 Sept 2003 in all of Baumholder's government housing areas. All sales are for U.S. ID card holders only and all property must be removed by 6 p.m.

Baumholder Education Center

August brings in a variety of educational opportunities for the *Baumholder* community.

Adult Ed class dates August 18,
through October 10, 2003

Conversational German I \$40
Monday & Wednesday **0900-1100**
Or Monday & Wednesday **1800-2000**

English as a Second Language **NO CHARGE**
Wednesday & Friday **1130-1230**

Sign Language \$40
Tuesday & Thursday **1800-2000**

Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST)
08-22 Sept 03
Automotive Service Exams (ASE)

November 2003

Reminder Army Emergency Relief (AER) Spouse Education Assistance Program Term 2 deadline – 29 Sept 03 AER will pay up to 50% of an active duty spouse's tuition at local colleges.

Application Deadlines: New financial aid forms for 2003-04 now available.

Visit the Education Center in building 8332 or call 485-7557

Register by September 4, 2003 UMUC and Central Texas College (CTC) begin registration for Term I August 1, 2003 Now offering classes in Criminal Justice, Automotive Technology, and Early Childhood Education

Education Center is open from 0800-1700 HRS. Financial aid applications are available for the 2003-2004 school year. For more information, call 485-7557.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM

For information concerning applications for the program, please contact Army Community Service (ACS), Bldg 8746 at DSN 485-8188 or CIV 06783-6-8188. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700, with the shortest waiting times between 0800 and 1200.

This year you **will be required** to show proof of income (latest end of the month LES/pay stubs for spouse's income), kindergeld amounts, child support, **any** additional income, etc. **THEREFORE, ALL EXTRA DEPLOYMENT INCOME WILL BE COUNTED.** We will, **also**, need to see concurrent travel orders to the Baumholder community (showing the student's name) in order for us to determine eligibility. Only one application per family is required. For questions or for more information contact: Donna Vielma, Financial Readiness Specialist at 06783-6-8188

ACAP Services

VA Benefits Briefing - 8 September
Pre-registration required - #485-6330
Open House Job Fair – 28 September in Heidelberg
The Village Pavilion – Patrick Henry Village
www.morejobs.net





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Relocation Assistance for Spouses

If your spouse is currently deployed but has received orders to relocate, don't delay planning and organizing your move! You can take care of many move-related tasks before your spouse returns to Baumholder. The more you get done now, the less stressful your move will be: an added bonus, the more quality time your family gets to spend together when the soldier returns from the deployment.

The Baumholder ACS invites all spouses to schedule individualized relocation planning consultations. Whether the service member is currently deployed or in Baumholder, spouses can obtain the same quality assistance as the service member. We will provide you with a comprehensive packet about your new location, as well as information to help you organize a smooth move. Relocation assistance is available whether the move is a PCS move or the service member is retiring or separating from the Army.

Please call ACS at 485-8188 or 06783-68188 for information and to schedule an appointment.

FORCE PROTECTION

Recently there have been reports of U.S ID cards, U.S. passports, and USAREUR license plates ON SALE at German Flea Markets. This presents a very serious concern that, for little as 10 Euros, terrorist organizations will come in possession of the tools essential to gain access on post.

Request everyone's assistance in helping identifying where these type of sales are being conducted. Flea markets are normally held on Saturdays and Sundays. If you happen to go to a German (or even French) flea market, and you see that U.S. ID cards, U.S. passports, or USAREUR license plates are on sale, contact the Baumholder MP Desk immediately, 06783-6-7546 or 7547, with the location and description of the salesperson. The salesperson normally has a vehicle next to his/her goods. Annotate the make of the vehicle, but most importantly, the license plate, so that the MPs may be able to track him/her, should he/she leave before the arrival of the authorities.

Don't alert or attempt to question the salesperson, just report it to the nearest Law Enforcement desk. If

unsure, call the Baumholder MP Desk and they will take the appropriate action.

Security awareness

Recently there has been a rash of violations of security around the Baumholder Community. Please remember that your awareness helps us stay safe. Report suspicious activities to your BN or to the BSB S2 at 485-7141.

Remember to lock you home and car when not in use and never leave your ID in the car or unsecured anywhere.

Finally it is not only the right thing to do but a regulation, that children not be left unattended in cars anywhere, shoppette, Mail room etc..

COLA

The USAREUR Commanding General, GEN B. B. Bell, has sent the following message about dependant COLA:

Processing COLA Entitlements for Deployed Soldiers

1. Thousands of dedicated USAREUR soldiers are currently deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Liberia, and





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elsewhere. The family members of most of these soldiers have remained in USAREUR to await their return. Some, however, have chosen to return to the continental United States (CONUS) for extended periods. This affects the soldier's cost of living allowance (COLA) entitlement.

2. Deployed soldiers continue to collect their full COLA entitlements unless one or more of their family members return to CONUS for more than 30 consecutive days. If some of a soldier's family members are in CONUS for more than 30 consecutive days, the soldier's COLA entitlement must be reduced proportionally on the 31st day. If all of a soldier's family members are in CONUS for more than 30 consecutive days, the soldier's COLA entitlement must be reduced to the "without dependents" rate on the 31st day.

3. Whenever a soldier's family members return to CONUS for more than 30 consecutive days, commanders must submit DA Form 4187 to reduce the soldier's COLA entitlements to authorized levels. Similarly, when family members return from CONUS, the COLA should be adjusted back to original levels. Commanders are required to establish procedures to ensure that the unit processes the DA Form 4187 as required.

4. Commanders and leaders have a legal and ethical duty to take care of deployed soldiers and their family members. This duty includes following applicable regulations governing COLA entitlements and adjusting those entitlements when required. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will eventually recoup improper COLA payments-often when the soldier is least prepared to handle a sudden loss of pay. This ultimately hurts rather than helps the soldier. We can avoid this by ensuring that our deployed soldiers are paid correctly. It's a command responsibility.

